

Gonzales is responsive.

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THE WATERGATE CRISIS SPARKS AN AMAZING THEORY ON 'CIA CONNECTION'

THE FANATICAL cloak and dagger mentality behind the Watergate scandal has triggered the chilling theory that a gang of fringe C.I.A. fanatics could have assassinated President Kennedy.

The Star learned this week that a determined move is under way in Congress to fling the assassination inquiry wide open again.

And it is being led by one of the nation's most responsible politicians, Congressman Henry B. Gonzales (D-Tex.)

He and a group of supporters have been motivated by the frightening "kill-or-be-killed" climate created by President Nixon's notorious White House plumbers.

The white hot fervor of men like E. Howard Hunt and Gordon Liddy, whose exploits read like a James Bond book, have prompted Congressman Gonzales to ask how far other fanatics might have gone.

"Certainly the premise is there that this type of thinking could conceivably lead to the very horrible thought of assassination by others," he said.

Now Gonzales and his group have decided to get to the truth behind John F. Kennedy's assassination and its possible link with the hatred he aroused among cer-

NEW PROBE URGED ON JFK KILLING

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tain extremists in the Cuban exile movement.

They also are agitating for answers to the raft of mysteries behind the assassinations of the President's brother, Robert and Martin Luther King, and the attempted murder of Governor George Wallace.

Gonzales has even gone as far as to demand close questioning of the White House plumbers in an attempt to un-

cover the identity of fringe C.I.A. men operating during the time of J.F.K.'s killing.

Disturbing

President Johnson recalled this particular breed of agent when he came to power, saying: "We had been operating a damned Murder Incorporated in the Caribbean."

The call for a fresh look at

the disturbing facts has the backing of prominent Washington lawyer, Bernard Fensterwald who is director of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

He says: "It can be proved that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have carried out the assassination of President Kennedy alone."

Until now Congressman Gonzales, although critical of the Warren Commission, has conceded that the evidence it heard during its inquiry into the assassination supported

the finding that Oswald acted alone.

But the recently revealed "White House horrors" has moved him to the opinion that Congress must now step in with a full-scale inquiry of its own.

The inquiry, he believes, must examine this proposition:

President Kennedy was the object of the unimaginable hatred of extremist Cuban exiles and their allies within the C.I.A. and other organizations.

They were convinced he had "betrayed" them, America and the Free World by not ordering the United States Air Force to support the attempted invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs in April, 1961.



Assassin Lee Harvey Oswald...was he alone?

'What were the White House plumbers doing then?'

Conceivable

If there was a conspiracy to assassinate Kennedy — that is to say that Oswald did not act alone — then it is entirely conceivable that people like this would be involved.

They were the sort of men to whom assassination of political enemies was an acceptable part of their "black" operations.

Among the other points Gonzales believes should be investigated are: Allegations of conspiracy raised by the former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

Gonzales says: "Some of the information he presented has not been rebutted — involving individuals in the Louisiana area as well as Cubans, government agents and CIA."

Visits by Lee Harvey Oswald from New Orleans to Mexico City at a time when E. Howard Hunt was the CIA station chief there.

Gonzales says: "You have what I consider an inadequate follow up by the Warren Commission on activities immediately prior to the assassination involving Oswald and his travels into Mexico."

Assumed

Role of Jack Ruby, one of the many key figures now dead, who shot Oswald.

Gonzales says: "I think a better handle can be obtained on Ruby and his subsequent death and his antecedent associations."

He continues: "The most disturbing aspect of the Watergate happenings is the involvement in certain domestic affairs of agencies which had always been assumed were not so involved like the C.I.A. and the F.B.I."

"There is a total void of knowledge surrounding the exact activities of figures that have now been projected into prominence because of Watergate such as Liddy, Howard Hunt and James McCord.

"I find it very interesting that their careers and their doings at the time of 1963 are

shrouded in complete silence and mystery."

Speaking of the "plumbers", Gonzales says: "There seems to be a vacuum, a gap, of a two to three year period in their lives in which their activities are not precisely defined and their whereabouts not pinpointed."

"Given the rationalizations expressed by some of these men, and given the added incentive of some apparent aura of heroic performance in defense of what they saw as the national interest, certainly the possibility is there."

Hunt, and Watergate accomplices Frank Sturgis and Bernard Barker had been together since before the 1961 fiasco of the Bay of Pigs attempt to invade Castro's Cuba.

Desperate

E. Howard Hunt's latest book, an account of the Bay of Pigs — Give Us This Day — provides a chilling glimpse of his and his cohorts' mentality.

He writes: "No event since the communization of China in 1949 has had such a profound effect on the United States and its allies as the defeat of the U.S. trained Cuban invasion brigade at the Bay of Pigs."

"Instead of standing firm, Government pyramided crucially wrong decisions and allowed Brigade 2506 to be destroyed."

"The Kennedy Administration yielded Castro all the excuse he needed to gain a tighter grip ... then moved shamefacedly into the shadows and hoped the Cuban issue would simply melt away."

Astonishingly, Hunt writes about Oswald in the foreword to Give Us This Day:

"Still, and let this not be forgotten, Lee Harvey Oswald was a partisan of Fidel Castro and an admitted Marxist who made desperate efforts to join the Red Revolution in Havana. In the end he was an activist for the Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

"But for Castro and the Bay of Pigs disaster there would have been no such 'committee'. And perhaps no assassin named Lee Harvey Oswald."